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MOTION BY SUPERVISORS SUPERVISOR DON KNABE AND  
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The California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) has submitted a request to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) a petition for a technology-specific overlay to allow or permit existing machine telephone lines, such as ATMs, credit card machines, cash registers, gas pumps, burglar alarms, the STAR alert systems in automobiles and the defense industry, which has scores of its machines using existing telephone lines, to be able to hook their machines to a new area code and avoid splitting the local "310" area code into a new "424" area code. This request had been pulled back from the FCC and needs to be resubmitted.

It is our contention that recent actions have been instrumental in conserving numbers in the "310" area code and that current consumption levels would take years to use up the available numbers. This technology overlay would not cost the business community any money and would help free up thousands of numbers for personal use in the "310" area code.

WE, THEREFORE MOVE, that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief

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Administrative Officer to (1) submit a letter to the five members of the State Public Utilities Commission, to request that they take action in October to resubmit to the FCC a petition for a technology overlay. We see that the recent FCC decision to require phone companies to share blocks of numbers that are 75 percent unused will make 260,000 additional phone numbers available in the "310" area code. Recent action allowing individual portability will also free up numbers, as will geographic portability between rate centers. We feel the FCC can take action, which will extend the "310" area code for years and help avoid a costly burden on the business community; and (2) to send a letter to the five members of the FCC urging that they take quick action to approve the petition for technology overlay for our "310"/proposed "424" area code. Such action may deter area code splits across the United States and would allow our Southern California region to be at the forefront for producing data to curb these costly and untimely splits.

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